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EMPRESS, ALTA. THURSDAY, DEC. 30th, 1920

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United Church

2.30 p.m. Sunday school and adult bible class. Don't forget the change in the hour of meeting.

7.30 p.m.—Regular evening worship. Bright song service. Start the New Year right by attending church.

Mayfield's annual Christmas entertainment and subsequent tea and dance was a success. The entertainment was especially worthy of mention.

The next meeting of the Mayfield Grain Growers' Association is to be held at the Schoolhouse, on January 8.

Program of the Union Church Christmas Concert

The following is the program given by the Union Church Sunday School at their Christmas Entertainment, on Wednesday, December 23, and to which reference was made in our last issue.

- 1 Opening Chorus, "Signs of Christmas."
- 2 "Christmas Stocking," recitation, primary girls.
- 3 Song, "We'll Get ahead of Santa Claus," primary girls.
- 4 Recitations: Evelyn Laoy, Fern Frost, Forest Frost, Alvin Carlson.
- 4 Song, "If Santa Claus was Pa," primary boys.
- 6 Drill and Song, Little Pilgrims class.
- 7 Song, "Jolly old Santa Claus," Lizzie and Joan Sharp.
- 8 Dialogue, "After School, Christian Endeavor class."
- 9 Drill and Song, Stars of Bethlehem class.
- 10 Recitation, Pat MacCharles.
- 11 Song, Dorothy Richards.
- 12 "A tragedy," by ten boys.
- 13 Dialogue, "A Rumpus on Gingerbread Hill."
- 14 Song, Peggie Arthur.
- 15 Pantomime, "Jesus Loves of My Soul," Count-on-Me class.
- 15 Song, Golden Rule class.
- 17 Dialogue, "A Practical Use for Peppercorn," Boy Scouts.
- 18 Recitation, Rachel Lambart.
- 19 Action song, "Comin' Thro the Rye," Count-on-Me class.
- 20 Herald's song, "Heralds of Santa Claus."
- 21 Song, "Over the Hills and Far Away," Santa Claus—D. S. Sutherland.
- 22 Chorus, "Hail!" Santa Claus—D. S. Sutherland.
- "God Save The King"

T. G. Rogers was a visitor to Regina and Moose Jaw, Sask. for a few days, returning Tuesday. His son, Dryden, who has been taking a short course in Agriculture, at the Collegiate Institute, Regina, is sick with typhoid, but is now on the road to recovery. Several students and members of the staff have had the disease, and a number of deaths have occurred. The disease is said to have been brought into the College via milk used for domestic purposes. The milkman having been infected with walking typhoid.

WEDDING BELLS

The occupants of the Manse were more than busy attending to Hymen's wants on December 24.

In the early hours of the morning after the arrival of Thursday's train from Baidloss, Mr. Clement Boughan was united in marriage to Miss Frances Lillian Fawcett, both of Baidloss. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. W. Bartlett and Mr. Hugh Boughan. Mr. and Mrs. Boughan left on the west train for a short honeymoon at Calgary. Their numerous friends will unite in extending best wishes.

At 9 a.m. the same morning, Mr. John Williamson, of the Ford Garage, was united in marriage to Miss Florence Harrison, who during the past term has been a member of the Empress Public School staff. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson departed for a honeymoon trip to eastern points. Mr. Williamson, has been a resident of Empress, for a number of years and has a host of friends who will join with the many friends made by Mrs. Williamson during her residence here, in wishing them a happy and prosperous life.

The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal has announced that after December 31st, 1920, the subscription price of that great weekly will be \$2 per year in Canada, England, Ireland or Scotland, and \$2.50 to the United States. The recent heavy increase in the cost of white paper makes the slight advance necessary, in fact it is only a small portion of the increased cost over pre-war prices of production. All renewals and subscriptions, the publishers say, mailed before December 31st, 1920, will be accepted at the old rate of \$1.50. Even at the advanced price of \$2.00 a year The Family Herald is regarded as the best value on the continent. It is acknowledged to be absolutely without a rival because of its enormous circulation. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Magee, of Chesterfield, Sask., are visiting friends at Cabri, Sask.

SOCIAL PLAINS

(Received too late for last week)
The Social Plains U.F.A. had another record meeting, Saturday evening, December 18.

William Fowle read an article on the proposed wheat pool, which was followed by considerable discussion. It was decided at some later meeting to ascertain the real sentiment of the members. Judging from remarks, there is a chance for only one result, and that would be for signing the contract. Social Plains local plans on having a record attendance this year and to accomplish same; it was arranged to have an attendance contest. Two captains were appointed, namely, Messrs. John Fowle and Harry Tucker. The captains chose sides so that the local might be fairly and equally divided. At the end of the year, the side lowest in attendance is to furnish the local with a chicken supper and the other side is to furnish the program.

Mrs. Maude resigned from the dance committee to accept an appointment on the literary committee and James Stone was appointed to fill the vacancy on the dance committee.

The Literary Committee is putting on a program on Monday evening, December 27. The program will include a debate on the question, "That farming is an undesirable occupation." Mrs. John Fowle and A. B. Silverthorne are on the

affirmative and Mrs. Mohr and William Fowle are on the negative.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 29, Mr. Steeves, of Medicine Hat, will speak at the schoolhouse. The speaking will be preceded by a U.F.A. meeting to be held at 1.30 sharp.

With the Women's Institute, holding their meeting on December 30, at the home of Mrs. John R. Jones, this certainly makes some "Holiday Week" for Social Plains.

Everyone is glad to hear that Mr. Swenson is doing so well after his recent operation.

S. F. Meads, from B.C., is visiting friends and relatives in the community.



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THURSDAY, Dec. 30, 1920

The New Year

Soon we will hear the clock
strike 12 on December 31, and
we will be ushered a New Year.
With how many plans for the
future and new resolves will
we face it, many plans that are
made to be broken. But let us
welcome the untrodden paths
and grasp the new conditions
with a firm hand, grateful for
the blessings the old year has
brought to us.

The sober jollity of New
Year's day is like standing for
one brief moment on the thresh-
hold between time and eternity.
Here is the world we know—
yonder the world that is new
and untrod.

The new year will be what
we make it, so far as our indi-
vidual lives are concerned, and
the man or woman who re-
solves to be happy in a health-
ful, unselfish way, is taking the
first road toward happiness.

We can give no better thing
for all our readers than that
they begin the new year an-
nated by a firm resolve to turn
all its experience into profit for
themselves, mentally, morally,
socially and materially, and
then faithfully carry out the
resolution.

Alberta Decides Banns Are Necessary

Edmonton, Alta., December
28.—A new marriage act is ex-
pected to be on the docket of
the Government legislation at
the forthcoming session of Leg-
islature. It will be substantial-
ly the same form as the bill
prepared for the 1920 session,
but never submitted in the
House, because crowded till it
was too late to give it hearing.
Among the most important
changes that are proposed in
the new act is making public-
of banns a necessary condition
of marriage. At present there
is no provision of the law re-
quiring that banns be publish-
ed. It will also be required
that the taking out of a license
precede every legal marriage.



S. S. McDermid, U.F.O. candi-
date, elected in the East Ed-
gim Federal By-election

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Dated at Calgary, Alberta, this 8th
day of December A. D. 1920.

LAWRENCE J. CLARKE,
Clerk of the Supreme Court.

The Court House, Calgary, Alberta.

Approved
L. F. Clarry,
Master in Chambers.



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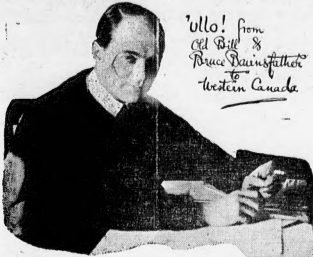


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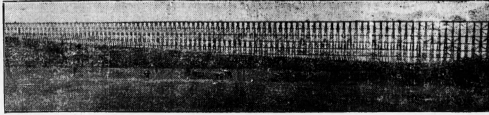
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Cleveland

The Christmas entertainment at the St. Peter and Paul church, on Sunday, December 25, was a decided success; about 200 people being present. The program given by the parish people was excellent and reflected much credit. The entertainment lasted three hours. At the conclusion of the entertainment, Santa Claus arrived and distributed the presents. A good lunch was then served. The committee thank Messrs. J. Lawcock, Boyd, Brodie and G. M. Johnston and Dawdy for their donations and also the people who gave and helped in the success attained.

The regular meeting of the Bindloss W.L., will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Hobson, Bindloss, on Wednesday, January 10.

Sid, Hamilton, left last week for Winnipeg, where he is spending Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Haynes, and son, left on Friday last for Abbey, Sask., where they spent a holiday visit with relatives, returning on Wednesday.

A railway service has been inaugurated on the C.N.R. Manitoba line. The first train was run from Kindersley to Eaton.

A. Keith's rink, were the winners of the local curling contest and incidentally the signs donated by Dr. MacCharles, as prizes, on Christmas day.

Mrs. S. E. Peters, left on Friday morning for Swallow, Alta., where she is holidaying with her daughters, Mrs. G. Malton and Edna.

A meeting of the Empress local U.F.A. and the Board of Trade, will be held in the Shepherd building, on Friday, at 2 p.m. to discuss the "Rainmaker" proposition.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Brookes. Avey, left this morning for their home at Hanna, Alta., after an extended visit here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Anderson. George will resume his old position on the Union Bank staff, at Hanna, after a period of serious illness and convalescence.

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A
Happy
New
Year



W. R.
Brodie

From the Diary of A Hudson's Bay Clerk in the Seventies

PASSING THE SPRING OUT

By O-GE-MAS-ES (Little Clerk).

(Continued From Last Issue)

At that spring arrived, with ducks and all summer birds and open water, thank goodness, so we were able to get two nets down again and feed up our poor dogs who had been on very scant rations for some time. I heard that the Ki-say-the-nish band had been in and camping along a small river some miles away, busy gathering in the egg harvest, and also catching muskrat and muskrat. When I told Pierre we would start in a day or two for these Indians, I noted he was very sulky, but this I passed over. Our large canoe was just getting the finishing touches and was about ready for the gun. This I supplied by the squaws, and I amused myself watching them. Finally we had a small trading outfit packed up, and were placing the rest of the goods in charge of O-sow-uck, away we went one fine morning, I in the bow with my gun ready for anything in the shape of game. For, my dear reader, we had no ample store of provisions to draw on, but simply some soup and sugar with a very little flour and berries, so the task of supplying the trader was a daily one.

The Carot River expands here to reach the lake, nestled from a fine red clay found on its shores. Also ash and elm trees are found here, the only place I have seen in the Saskatchewan. We went straight on, and in the middle of the lake, and just about half-way across the canoe was wildered round and found a small boat in the water. "What is the matter Pierre?" I asked. "I won't go to those Indians. They are bad, and will kill us on the shore. I will go back." Jumping round and facing Master Pierre I grabbed the gun, and, rocking the canoe violently and took in about a bucket of water. Then in a loud voice I said: "Turn round, you old scamp, unless you want to swim alone, and in two minutes I had the old man at my mercy, for he could not swim and was brought in a canoe. I happened to be near a point in the lake called 'The Indian's Head', and part of our boyish pleasures was testing the various models turned out by the great French gunsmith, and who was undoubtedly the inventor. Pierre was now bawling and a very quiet and obedient one. After a while the public we sailed in the canoe, all those skin tepees I noted. There are bushmen and deer for hunters all right, was my inward comment. Returning to camp, in the little creek, we landed right against it, and as the custom is, I went to shake hands with the Indians. Nothing doing—they simply paid no attention to us. No swells in the upper ten thousand could have been so with more noise and fuss than these unlettered savages. I walked towards the canoe, and Pierre flinched out, "I told you so." Worse than this will happen yet, I thought. "No," was my reply. "Our chilly reception was made worse by noting black Daniel standing back from the group and muttering to him, O-ge-mas-ES was being turned down. On passing through the camps I noted some of the older women scratching the meat and fat off some recently killed bear skins, and further on were groups of the younger women who gave me the first kindly glance I had received. I opened some of our bales and took a few of the choicest beads and some other fancy articles. I reached the Ki-say-the-nish band, and these were the very latest patterns in savagery, but they did not, evidently to the disgust of their chiefs. Addressing my brother-in-law, who brought a smile, I started a small trade, which spread and before long I had taken in a good quantity of my brother's goods. When I brought the trade to the disgust of our opponent Daniel.

Pierre and I, slept under our canoe that night and next morning we were kept busy trading, so soon disposed of the bulk of our goods. I decided to return to our camp, and a first arranged a definite appointment with Ki-say-the-nish, saying that my next visit would see more goods than last time. Since we had all returned of all my new trifles, and giving some trifles to the girls who helped start the campaign, away we went, Master Pierre in the bow as before. On reaching home I found everything in good order, and on counting up our goods I finally decided to stop here. The Ki-say-the-nish was all returns of trade, and also an official letter of the Chief telling him the man was now ready to go to me, and that I was on friendly terms with

both bands of Indians, to remain alone for the balance of the spring. Pierre daily started and took the best of humors. I visited the nearby camps, collected some small beads and picked up a good deal more. The next excitement was an Indian feast to which I received a special invitation. Both bands were to meet at a specially selected spot midway between the main camps. In the meantime hunters had to kill all game possible as there was no doubt every one would attend. Finally, O-sow-uck moved camp (nearly an inch) and we pitched again on the new community site. The name of the celebration was the Goose Dance, and a large orchestra was formed by sticking young green spruce in the ground at a slant inwards, about five feet apart, and the whole was on an elevated stage, and the whole affair was open to the sky. The feast was to start between four and five in the afternoon, weather permitting. Down the centre of the enclosure were a row of camp fires. At last the evening arrived, and sticking close to O-sow-uck, away we went, and from all sides came the men, women and children, each carrying a dish and a knife and spoon. I had a knife and spoon bowl, a wood spoon and my large shawl knife, my old companion the same. We duly entered the ring, and the dancing commenced. The stage (on the ground or canvas) and here we sat cross-legged waiting for the ceremonies to begin.

One of the men, dressed in one of the other men, painted and feathered, came in with four long stemmed stone pipes. Each pipe, addressed to King Kana (The Great Spirit), thinking him for the gifts of food and supplies to his Indian children. Each of the stumps were given a smoke, and the pipe to the right of the four quarters of the compass. Then with a stately walk around, the whole of the stumps were smoked, and four young girls came dancing into the ring, each with a bag of down or fine feathers. Keeping time to the music, they danced in a bunch of down was placed on each visitor's head. There was a pause, then bang went the stumps at full speed, large clouds of smoke began drifting, the stage were withdrawn, and here to the view of all beholders were more and deer, hares, and hares (by which bodies), geese and ducks. The meat cooked in each case and the skins or feather were drawn over, and then all really looked very good. A general hum of applause went round. In addition to the stuffed birds and animals were buffalo and deer, and some of the most delicious meat, bison, bison and other native fashions. "Hoi Mc-Hishon, Mc-Hishon" (Go eat) was the cry, and every one was really looking very good. The young girl walkers, my share being half a beaver and half a goose, my old companion going out in a canoe. The feast was a grand success, with plenty of food sent in quantities. The eating was not a steady performance, but a series of intervals, all night, varied by dances, weird songs and speeches, all hands joining in the dance at times, myself included. (To be continued)

To Handle Sale of Liquor

Government Control of Liquor in Alberta Recommended.

The constitution of a commission of three members, all of known standing with prohibition, to handle the sale of liquor by the government of Alberta, was discussed at a meeting of the legislature on Monday. The resolution set forth that all sales of liquor for every purpose whatsoever shall be through the government, and that the commission to handle the sales shall be appointed by the government.

The convention went on to record its view of the restoration of figure 72 of the original act, specifying that the right of persons resident in the province to sell liquor should be retained, and the boundaries of the province is not interfered with.

The enactment of more severe penalties for offenders against the Alberta Liquor Act will be sought.

No Peace There.

There were twice as many deaths in France last year as the year before. Peace seems to bring about a new wave of death.

W. N. U. 1346

The Age of The Earth

Scientists Are Divided in Their Opinion as to Length of Time.

The length of time that has elapsed since our planet budded off from the sun and assumed independent existence sets a limiting condition to the theories of the branches of science. Geologists, believing that in a broad way the past can be inferred from the present, have made approximate time tables for the sedimentary rocks. Judging from the slow rates at which existing rocks are worn down and mud accumulates at the bottom of the seas, they have reckoned the age of recent deposits by millions of years, that of the tertiary and secondary and primary rocks by hundreds of millions, and they have allowed margins of almost unthinkable durations for epochs which have left no sedimentary remains. Paleontologists and botanists, tracing the long pedigrees of existing animals and plants, have assumed that evolution has proceeded at a slow rate, and the actual rate is slow that we need not be surprised at our failure to find, or to induce, new species. They both thought that they had unlimited control on the bank of time. More than twenty years ago the late Lord Kelvin, perched with some malicious pleasure, disturbed the serenity of these prodigious speculations. The earth, he said, could not be older than his narrow, the sun, Helmholtz, he reminded them, attributed the heat given out by the sun to the process of contraction. They were data by which this could be calculated; he made the calculation, and declared that the birth of the sun was less than 20 million years. He called on biologists to adapt their theories of evolution and geologists their time tables of the rocks to figure out inside this maximum. The task was beyond them. Now we are told, the theory of Kelvin and Helmholtz's decision from it must be dismissed. The sun and stars do not depend for their heat on contraction, but on some sort of reserve of subatomic energy. The sun can still maintain its output of heat for fifteen billion years, and it must take back to time so remote that there is no real limit to estimates of the age of the earth—From the London Times.

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Exhibitors from the western provinces were particularly successful, standing well up in all the classes in which they were represented, including at least one grand championship, a few firsts and seconds, and several other high placings in spite of very keen competition.

Alberta had an excellent exhibit of the steers which were entered by the University, and which were donated to the University by various breeders in Alberta a year ago. Three animals stood up well in the various classes. In the Clay Robertson Special Class the first prize was won by one of these calves, a Hereford, Ben. Prediction, that came from Carle's Ranch at Langdon. Two others were fourth and sixth respectively.

In the college special of five steers, the Alberta University five stood second to those shown by the Iowa Agricultural College, Ames. The first place went to Alberta University steers, and the competition was very strong in this class. Other high honors secured by Alberta University steers were fifth in a class of twenty-four yearling pure-bred Hereford steers, eighth in a similar class of Shorthorns, and seventh in a class of forty-seven pure-bred fat Hereford steers. In the last named class there were five Alberta steers in the first twenty.

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Hon. Duncan Marshall returned to the high prices now prevailing. Conditions in the west were very serious at the present time, he said, and the farmer was the one who was being hit first. He got it both coming and going.

There were many things needed, Mr. Marshall said, and one was better training and better education. He also referred to the cattle embargo, and suggested that the Dominion Parliament be asked to pass some resolution to the effect that the embargo be removed. He said he felt that if such action were taken, good results would be obtained.

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Copper ranks next to diamonds in value of Southwest Africa's mineral product.

Over 2,000,000 children between the ages of 10 and 16 work in the United States, it is said.

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There were 15,000,000 acres within 20 miles of a railway, 12,000,000 within 15 miles, 9,000,000 within 10 miles, and 5,000,000 within 5 miles, unsurveyed. "Any system that produces this result," said Mr. Latta, "does not make for the best interest of the country." And some other system would have to be devised.

The speaker said there was plenty of excellent land in Northern Saskatchewan for new settlers, but there was much land there that was unsuitable for settlement, and if the mistakes of the past were to be avoided, the government should go for its settlement before roads were built into it. "We who live in Saskatchewan," said Mr. Latta, "who see the results of what was done in the past, and expect the difficulties that have followed in their train, are the persons most competent to deal with the problem of the future."

We should be given a free hand in the great north country, and not those who are far away in Ottawa. The authority that is efficient is the authority close at hand."

Declares French Soil Renewed by War

German Shells and Poison Gas Has Improved the Soil.

Devastated France now is a fertile agricultural country, rich with food and clothing, according to the "Literary Digest." "German shells," says a correspondent, "did the ploughing and German poison gas fertilized the soil. The great need of France today is labor-saving devices which can be wielded by the old men and boys who are the only farmers left."

"In company with a friend, I visited one of the worst bits of the Alsace region," which was taken and retaken eighteen times. Not a trace of village remains to tell of its villagers, who have been driven from the land of two to five feet. When we reached the top, we found ourselves wading knee-deep through the richest soil I have ever seen. The leaves were as big as silver dollars. Apples covered the deepest hollows.

Altho covered the ploughing done by the shells brought to the surface the deep soil which contained valuable materials of which the soil, used for generations, had been depleted. Riding through France, one can trace the lines of the trenches, now filled in and planted, by the richer, darker soil of the grass growing in the deep-ploughed soil."

A Deadly Weapon

Steady Stream of Noiseless Death From This Gun.

The story of how David Small, a Canadian, with a sling and stone is recalled by the latest type of rapid-fire gun, firing 2000 bullets a minute, which is operated on the general principle of a sling. There is no noise, no smoke, no flash—just a steady stream of noiseless death, and with a squad of men, it would be possible to wipe out an army corps.

This newest device is the invention of Major Edward T. Moore, of the New Jersey U.S. National Guard, an attorney. He claims to have solved successfully the problem of the use of centrifugal force, instead of explosive—that is, the rapid outward sweeping force, when a body is revolved rapidly.

The gun's shaft rotates at the rate of 10,000 revolutions a minute—so rapidly, in fact, that it does not appear to revolve at all. The wheel is driven by an electric motor. The bullets are fed into the machine gun, and are thrown outward toward the target with terrific force, as the wheel revolves. The firing is really rapid to pieces a few seconds after firing. The dead effect of several thousand men is the character of the machine, he imagined. Restrictions placed upon the inventor by the government during the late war, not to reveal any details, have been lifted by the War Department. It is known as the new centrifugal gun.

Must Give Wife's Notice of Marriage

In the near future, all persons intending to be married in Ontario are to be notified by the provincial police of the province well in advance of the proposed nuptials. This is the effect of legislation under consideration.

May Install Wireless in Saskatchewan.

According to information tabled in the legislature, it is a favorable report is received from the commission of the provincial police the province will be able to install wireless at certain points throughout the province.

His Name Saves His Life.

The snelling apparatus of the horse is very acute and the animal is invariably guided by his nose in the selection of food. It is said that a horse in the field never makes a mistake in grazing upon some unwholesome growth.

Vancouver Bank Clearings Record.

A new high record in bank clearings has been established at Vancouver, British Columbia. For the eleven months of this year ending November 30th, bank clearings are more than \$140,000,000, a record for the twelve months of last year. For 1920 eleven months, the clearings are \$76,227,503.

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Government Control of Liquor in Alberta Recommended. The constitution of a commission of three members, all of known standing with prohibition, to handle the sale of liquor by the government of Alberta, was discussed at a meeting of the legislature on Monday.

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Be prepared to write 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McCune and family, of Madison, Sask., are visiting with relatives in town.

Rev. Thos. Powell, of Calgary, Superintendent of Missions, will preach at the Union Church service on Sunday, Jan. 9th.

Mrs. E. J. Lacy, left on Wednesday morning on a trip to Vancouver, B.C., where she will visit with her sister. From there she will go to Los Angeles on a visit to her parents.

Now is the time to buy yourself that Fur Coat, you have been wanting for some time. Blodgett is offering all Fur Coats at \$31.3 p.c. discount from regular prices.

The L.O.D.E. will meet at the home of Mrs. H. P. Gregg, on Tuesday, January 4th. Nomination of officers for coming year will be received. A full attendance is requested.

Mrs. McKenzie, of the Home Farm, Chesterfield, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Pearce, at Medicine Hat.

Annual meeting of the local U.F.A., will be held in the Municipal Office on Saturday, January 8, 1921, at 2 p.m.

Ralph Best, of the local staff of the Union Bank, left on Friday last, for the home of his parents at Wolsley, Sask., where he spent the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. E. S. Sexton and daughter, are holidaying with friends at Regina, Sask. A. Hankin, accompanied them, on the trip on Friday last and returned on Tuesday.

Notice - If the party who took an Ivory Manicure set out of Stouck's store on Wednesday, returns same, no questions will be asked. Otherwise there will be trouble, as they are known.

Harry Wheaton, was successful in winning the silk scarf given by S. E. Peters and Son for the most correct guess on the time required for the candle, they had on display in their window, to burn itself out. The candle burned 21 hours and 57 minutes. Mr. Wheaton's guess was 22 hours and 15 minutes.

SHERIFF'S SALE

PURSUANT to an order of His Honor Judge Stewart, issued out of the District Court of the District of Alberta, for Sale of the goods, chattels and livestock described in a certain Chattel Mortgage granted by Hunkin House, of Springmont, Alberta, Former, in favor of David Struan Sutherland, Administrator of the Estate of Frank Hunkin, deceased, I will on Thursday the 9th day of December 1920, at 10 a.m. sharp, expose for sale, at the Stock Yards at Blodgett, Alberta, the following goods, chattels, and livestock, namely:-

MACHINERY, ETC.
1 Sulley Plow; 1 McCormick 8 ft. Binder; 1 McCormick Horse Rake; 1 Deering Mower; 1 Green Bugger; 1 Wagon with Box; 1 John Deere Gang Plow (quite missing); 1 Set Farm Harness; 1 Part Set Farm Harness; Sectional Drag Harrows.

HORSES
1 Gray Mare 10 years old, weight 1100 lbs., with Colt; 1 Gray Mare, 5 years old, weight 1000 lbs., with Colt; 1 Gray Mare, 15 years old, weight 1100 lbs., with Colt; 1 Bay Mare, 7 years old, weight 1100 lbs., with Colt; 1 Bay Mare, 8 years old, weight 1000 lbs., with Colt; 1 Black Mare, 9 years old, weight 1100 lbs., with Colt; 1 Gray Mare, 2 years old, weight 1200 lbs., with Colt; 1 Black Gelding, 1 year old; 1 Bay Gelding, 4 years old, weight 1300 lbs.; 1 Bay Stallion, 2 years old, weight 1600 lbs.; 3 Bay Fillies; 1 Gray Gelding, 1 year old; 1 Gray Gelding, 6 years old, weight 1200 lbs.; 1 Pinto Gelding, 9 years old, weight 100 lbs.; 1 Gray Gelding, 4 years old, weight 1100 lbs.; 1 Roan Mare, 6 years old, weight 1100 lbs.; 1 Gray Gelding, 6 years old, weight 1100 lbs.; 1 Black Gelding, 5 years old, weight 1200 lbs.

TERMS OF SALE
\$25.00 and under Cash. Purchases over that sum, One Quarter cash at time of sale, balance on 1st Oct. 1921, on approved Joint Lien Notes, with interest at 8 p.c.

W. J. ADAMS, Sheriff,
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